## **Town of Hingham**

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## \*MEDIA ADVISORY\*

# Town of Hingham to Host Tours of Current Police and Fire Stations Related to Proposed Public Safety Building Project



A rendering of the proposed Hingham Public Safety Facility on Lincoln Street, showing the front of the building as seen from Lincoln Street. (Photo courtesy Town of Hingham)

\*\*\*NOTE: Media members who would like to attend one of the tours listed below can RSVP to Matthew Reid by emailing matt@jgpr.net or by calling 603-276-9216.\*\*\*

HINGHAM -- The Public Safety Facility Building Committee and the Hingham Police and Fire Departments announce that several public tours/open houses of current public safety facilities in town will be held in the coming weeks.

Tours of the current Hingham Police Station (212 Central St.) and Hingham Fire Station 2/North Fire Station (230 North St.) will be held in advance of an Article being presented at the upcoming Annual Town Meeting to fund the completion of the pre-construction documents phase of the new Public Safety Building Project.

The tours will take place on the following days:

- Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 6, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12, 7 to 9 p.m.

The tours will give members of the public a better sense of the present conditions at each site, and what a new combined public safety building project would feature. The project will combine the current Hingham Police Station at Town Hall and Hingham Fire Station 2/North Fire Station into a combined state-of-the-art facility to be located at 335 Lincoln St., that better meets the needs of modern police and fire departments and allows for appropriate future growth of both departments.

Members of both the Police and Fire Departments, ranging from officers/firefighters to command staff, will be present for the tours, as will members of the Public Safety Facility Building Committee.

### **About the Building Project**

Since 2015, the Town of Hingham has recognized that Hingham Fire Station 2/North Fire Station has long since reached its usable life. Built in 1941, the 4,813 square foot space is no longer suitable for contemporary fire and emergency medical services. In addition, the current 17,700 square foot headquarters for the Police Department also has numerous deficiencies, such as an inadequate entry area, lack of sufficient meeting rooms, inadequate training spaces, an inability to accommodate the needs of female and male officers, and inadequate traffic circulation.

After years of work, the design phase of the combined police/fire building project has now been completed.

The proposed site for the facility at 335 Lincoln St. sits on 3.5 acres within the Hingham Shipyard. The land has recently been purchased by the Town.

To learn more about the project, including details on the current facilities, photos and descriptions of the proposed building site, virtual tours of the current and proposed sites, information on the Public Safety Facility Building Committee, frequently asked questions and more, visit the <a href="Town's Public Safety Building Project website">Town's Public Safety Building Project website</a> or email <a href="PSFBC@hingham-ma.gov">PSFBC@hingham-ma.gov</a>.

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### A message from the Town of Hingham